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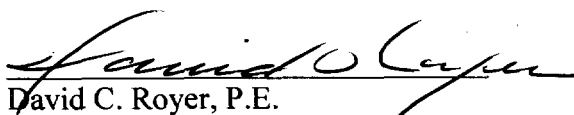
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There is a serious problem with the misuse of temporary concrete barriers used in construction zones. The MUTCD (Section 6F-75) and other FHWA Regulations / Guidelines need to emphasize that temporary barriers shall comply with the safety requirements of the AASHTO Roadside Design Guide.

Following are the five barrier safety requirements that are commonly violated in construction zones:

- Individual barrier sections shall be structurally connected to adjacent sections.
- The barrier face shall be placed a minimum of 3-feet (900 mm) from the traveled way (edge-line).
- Flared barrier sections shall be placed at a maximum taper rate of 20:1.
- Exposed leading ends of barriers located within the "clear zone" shall be protected with an impact attenuator.
- All barrier systems shall meet NCHRP-350 crash test requirements.


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